



## Nursing Facility/Mental Health

### Joint Admission/Treatment Work Group - 2012

#### Objectives

- Establish procedures/guidelines for effective/efficient admission/treatment – **Completed**
- Establish roles and responsibilities for each service provider per state/federal regulations and contractual requirements - **Completed**
- Develop process to ensure joint placement and treatment decisions **Completed**
- Formulate a standardized MOU between nursing facilities and mental health providers **Completed**
- Problem-solve continuity of care issues **Completed**
- Problem-solve joint treatment provision challenges **Completed**
- Develop plan to disseminate procedures developed **Completed**

#### Challenges

- NF & MHC internal processes not in place or not efficient
- Medical admissions for residents with MMI & medical issues
- Providers not informed of admissions
- The right people at MHC are not involved in the process
- MHC staff not informed when a Level II is completed
- Level II is not available to NF or MHC prior to admission
- Clinical continuity of care not occurring
- No agreement regarding LII required specialized services
- Hospital admissions occur without information about mental health issues
- Information sharing, communication not occurring
- Joint care planning/treatment planning not occurring

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## Joint Nursing Facility/ Mental Health Treatment Guidelines

- Meeting on a regular basis between the mental health center and nursing facility staff who have oversight responsibilities for the provision of specialized services and specialized rehabilitation services for residents with a diagnosis of mental illness.
- Service provision is conducted jointly by nursing facility and mental health provider
- Decisions to admit are based on clear understanding of clients treatment needs and assurance by both the nursing facility and mental health provider that they are able and willing to meet those needs
- There is a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities of each provider
- There is a clear understanding regarding the difference between Mental Health Specialized Services and Nursing Facility Specialized Rehabilitation services
- Initial nursing facility based treatment is based on Level II requirements
- Evaluation of treatment/service effectiveness is conducted on a regular basis based on the individual client need not on a facility case review schedule
- Transition readiness is assessed and treated consistently throughout nursing facility placement
- There is an increased level of accountability for joint service provision and service effectiveness
- Focus by the Department on treatment/Service effectiveness
- Clinical auditing will be conducted

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